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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 17, 2010, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-17 and 53-57) for continued examination.

As further required by the Examiner, Applicant elects the following species:

Na₂[H₃BCO₂] as the borocarbonate compound or ion;

Borocarbonate compound or ion in the absence of additional stabilizer; and

Vasodilation or smooth muscle relaxation as the species of disorder being treated.

Claims 1-12 and 17 are believed to represent a grouping encompassing the elected species.